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SUBJECT: UNCTAD - CODE OF CONDUCT ON TRANSFER OF
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1. BUSINESS INTERNATIONAL HELD A SYMPOSIUM MAY 11 TO
DISCUSS RESULTS OF SURVEY OF 50 MULTINATIONAL CORPO-
RATIONS' REACTIONS TO G-77 DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR THE CODE
OF CONDUCT. DISCUSSION OF RESULTS OF SURVEY LED BY
J.A. MESTRE, BUSINESS INTERNATIONAL; S. PATEL, UNCTAD
SECRETARIAT; C.S. DORN, IBM EUROPE DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL
PROGRAMS; PROF. H. SCHWAMM, GENEVA UNIVERSITY; AND PROF
BRADBURY, UNIVERSITY OF STERLING, SCOTLAND. SYMPOSIUM
GREW OUT OF SUGGESTION MADE BY U.S. MISSION. AUDIENCE
CONSISTED OF BUSINESS, ACADEMIC AND PERMANENT MISSION
STAFFS IN GENEVA, WITH G-77 REPRESENTED MAINLY BY INDIAN,
PAKISTANI AND LATIN AMERICAN DELS. OVERALL CONCLUSION
OF DISCUSSION WAS THAT WHILE A "GOOD" CODE COULD BE
USEFUL, G-77 SUGGESTIONS WOULD ONLY SERIOUSLY IMPEDE
TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, PARTICULARLY TO LDCS. TEXT OF
RESULTS OF SURVEY BEING AIRPOUCHED EB/IFD/BP.

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2. COMMENT: BUSINESS INTERNATIONAL SURVEY CONTAINS A
GREAT DEAL OF USEFUL MATERIAL FOR ARGUMENTATION IN CODE
NEGOTIATIONS. IT IS REGRETABLE THERE WAS NOT GREATER
PARTICIPATION BY LDC'S IN SYMPOSIUM, PARTICULARLY BY
REPRESENTATIVES OF COUNTRIES NOT EXERCISING LEADERSHIP
IN CODE DISCUSSIONS. SORENSON

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